

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 31, 2010**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on March 31, 2010, at the Department of Public Health Complex, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in Conference Room 470-A/B.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Lisa Liegeot
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Berman will attend the June 2010 meeting of the American Board of Dental Examiners.

III. New Business

A. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorneys General Henry Salton, Gary Becker and Laura Martella were present to discuss potential anti-trust issues concerning the regulation of teeth whitening practices as performed by unlicensed individuals and/or the disciplining of unlicensed persons from performing teeth whitening.

It was suggested that the Commission could issue a Declaratory Ruling, following a public hearing, addressing the question as to who may perform teeth whitening.

Dr. Katz and Dr. Berman commented that the Commission might want to also issue a ruling relating to the placement of temporary crowns by dental assistants.

There will be further discussion concerning these topics at the May 12, 2010 Commission meeting.

IV. Department of Public Health Updates

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office informed the Commission regarding changes to the reporting requirements of adverse licensure actions to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported on pending legislation regarding a Scope of Practice Review Committee; Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners and Dental Continuing Education Requirements.

V. New Business cont.

Provisional License Application - Liansheng Song, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Liansheng Song, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Song. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Richard Bisson, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0204-002-010

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richard Bisson, DDS. Dr. Bisson was not present or represented.

Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Michael Hill, DDS, – Petition No.2008-0211-002-011

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michael Hill, DDS. Dr. Hill was not present but was represented by counsel.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order that imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Harvey Miller, DMD – Petition No. 2008-1205-002-081

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Harvey Miller, DMD. Dr. Miller was not present or represented.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order that imposes a reprimand of respondent's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Reiss who was opposed. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VII. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 12, 2010

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on May 12, 2010, at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Keller Auditorium, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Lisa Liegeot
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

Dr. Strathearn welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved as edited.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Strathearn reported those online continuing education courses are available from the American Association of Dental Boards at www.dentalboards.org. Courses currently available are Guidelines on Unprofessional Conduct Involving Sexual Boundary Violations and Guidelines on Dental Patient Records.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported that proposed legislation regarding a Scope of Practice Review Committee and Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioners did not pass during this year's session.

Legislation that did pass includes Senate Bill No. 428, which allows for the disciplining of dentists for failure to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice. This bill also provides that the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Dental Commission, shall on or before October 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter, issue a list that includes not more than five mandatory topics for continuing education activities that will be required for the following two-year registration period.

Ms. Filippone also reported on Senate Bill No. 248, which allows complainants, for complaints filed after October 1, 2010, to review contents of an investigative file and requires the complainants to receive notice of pending hearings.

Also passed this session was Public Act 10-23. This act allows out-of-state, volunteer health care practitioners to provide health care services in Connecticut at (1) a free clinic or similar charitable medical event providing free health care services or (2) the Special Olympics or similar athletic event attracting a large number of out-of-state participants provided the practitioners meet certain criteria. This will allow out-of-state dentists to participate in the Mission of Mercy program without obtaining a Connecticut license.

IV. New Business

A. Provisional License Application - Yuri Levit, DMD

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Yuri Levit, DMD, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Levit. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Application - Jose Urresti Soberon, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Jose Urresti Soberon, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Soberon. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement License Application

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement request for David Patterson, DDS. Dr. Patterson's license was revoked on February 1, 2006. Dr. Patterson's license was revoked on February 1, 2006. Following review of this request Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, recommending that Dr. Patterson's license be reinstated to a period of probation with requirements for retraining and a clinical skills assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Temporary Crowns

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission that if a statute prohibits an activity the Commission cannot issue a Declaratory Ruling stating the activity is allowed.

D. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission. Attorney Shapiro advised the Commission on the procedures for issuing a Declaratory Ruling. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, that the Commission pursue the issuance of a Declaratory Ruling pertaining to teeth whitening. The motion passed unanimously. There will be further discussion concerning this issue at the September 8, 2010 Commission meeting.

V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Laurence Loeb, DDS – Petition No. 2010-259

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Laurence Loeb, DDS. Dr. Loeb was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of dentistry represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Summary Suspension Order.

The hearing panelists in this matter will be Dr. Berman, Ms. Liegeot and Dr. Ungar. The hearing will be scheduled for May 21, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Investigations Protocol

Kathleen Boulware, RN, DPH Practitioner Investigations Unit gave a presentation on the process for the investigation of complaints regarding health care practitioners.

VII. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 8, 2010**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 8, 2010, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Conference Room F, second floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Nora Duncan
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Lisa Liegeot
 Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Steven Reiss, DDS
 Martin Ungar, DMD

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Dr. Strathearn welcomed Ms. Duncan to her meeting as a Commission member.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

Dr. Strathearn reported that CODA will be performing a site review at the University of Connecticut Dental School in December 2011. Dr. Berman volunteered to participate on behalf of the Commission.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

None

IV. Old Business

A. Continuing Education

Jennifer Filippone, Sections Chief, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations provided an update concerning continuing education and offered suggestions for topic areas. A list of topic areas will be finalized at a future meeting.

B. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to proceed with the process for issuance of a declaratory ruling regarding "whether teeth whitening practices and/or procedures constitute the practice of dentistry and what teeth whitening practices and/or procedures must be performed only by a licensed dentist or persons legally authorized

to work under the supervision of a licensed dentist. The declaratory ruling proceeding will also address what substances, if used for teeth whitening purposes, must be used only by a licensed dentist or persons legally authorized to work under the supervision of a licensed dentist.” The motion passed unanimously.

The Board rescheduled its December 8, 2010 meeting to Wednesday, October 27, 2010 to rule on status requests. A hearing will be scheduled for December 8 and 9, 2010.

V. New Business

A. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program.

There are 202 individuals currently enrolled in the program, inclusive of 8 dentists.

B. Provisional License Application - Lesbia Drukteinis, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Lesbia Drukteinis, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Drukteinis. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Provisional License Application - Robertzon Guloy, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Robertzon Guloy, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Guloy. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Provisional License Application - Ana Novoa, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Ana Novoa, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Novoa. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Provisional License Application - Lyly Rodriguez, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Lyly Rodriguez, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Provisional License Application - Manuel Sato, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Manuel Sato, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Sato. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Provisional License Application - Takanori Sobue, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Takanori Sobue, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Sobue. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Provisional License Application - Avinder Upadhyay, BDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Avinder Upadhyay, BDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Upadhyay. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Provisional License Application - Madhur Upadhyay, BDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Madhur Upadhyay, BDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Upadhyay. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Provisional License Application - Sumit Yadav, BDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Sumit Yadav, BDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Yadav. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
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October 27, 2010**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on October 27, 2010, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Conference Room F, second floor.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
 Lance Banwell, DDS
 Elliot S. Berman, DDS
 Nora Duncan
 Peter Katz, DMD
 Lisa Liegeot
 Steven Reiss, DDS
 Barbara Ulrich
 Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates

None

III. Department of Public Health Updates

None

IV. Old Business

A. Continuing Education

The Commission finalized a list of continuing education topic areas with Jennifer Filippone, Sections Chief, Department of Public Health, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations

B. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Commission reviewed requests for status filed by the Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association, the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association and the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to grant party status to the Connecticut Dental Assistants Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to grant party status to the Connecticut Dental Hygienists Association. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to grant intervenor status to the Connecticut State Dental Association with the right to reapply for party status. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business

A. Provisional License Application – Rodrigo Haristoy, DDS

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Rodrigo Haristoy, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Haristoy. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Meeting Dates 2011

The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2011: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.
January 19, 2011 – Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
February 2, 2011 – Snow Date
April 6, 2011 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
September 7, 2011 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
November 30, 2011- University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut

VI. Legal Office Business

David C. Patterson, DDS – Petition No. 2010-78

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of David C. Patterson, DDS.

Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order, which reinstates Dr. Patterson's license to probation for a period of five years. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VII. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission

**CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 10, 2010**

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on November 10, 2010, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in the third floor hearing room.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson – *via phone*
Lance Banwell, DDS – *via phone*
Elliot S. Berman, DDS – *via phone*
Nora Duncan – *via phone*
Peter Katz, DMD – *via phone*
Lisa Liegeot – *via phone*
Steven Reiss, DDS – *via phone*
Martin Ungar, DMD – *via phone*

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

I. Teeth Whitening

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Commission.

The Commission reviewed a request for party status filed by the Connecticut State Dental Association.

Dr. Strathearn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to grant party status to the Connecticut State Dental Association. The motion passed unanimously.

II. ADJOURN

Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission